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REGENTS DAY:

Students to speak with legislators

By Katherine Klingseis
Daily staff writer
ISU Ambassadors have arranged charter buses to take ISU students to the Capitol Complex in Des Moines on Thursday for Regents United Day at the Capitol. Buses will depart at 11 a.m. from the south entrance of the Memorial Union and will return to Ames at 3:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided.
At Regents United Day at the Capitol, students from Iowa State and other Regent schools will have the opportunity to talk to state legislators and voice their concerns. Ben McDonald, Board of Regents' liaison for ISU Ambassadors, said a common concern for many students is rising tuition.
'I think there has been a lack of awareness in the past by students and legislation, and I think that shows in the support to the universities,' McDonald said.
McDonald said students should go to Regents Day to make legislators realize that, if cuts continue, Iowa State 'won't be the top-notch university like [it] has been in the past.'
'We need to show our appreciation and that we understand the situation because of the economy,' McDonald said. 'But, we also need to send our message as well.'
ISU Ambassadors wrote a proposed legislation to present to state legislators at Regents Day.

INSIDE:

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Syria

Fighting for freedom

By Trevor Werner
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For the people in Syria, being killed simply for saying the wrong words at the wrong time is an everyday occurrence. Constant fear fills their every moment. This has spurred students at Iowa State to stand up and try to make a difference for these people.
'We are trying to raise awareness on campus about these international issues and the corrupted government controlling Syria,' said Ahmad Al-Saygh, senior in community and regional planning and president of the International Student Council. 'Not many college students know about these problems, so we are trying to spread the word.'
The council brought with them a speaker who has experienced these problems first hand, but due to the danger still posed to her family, she wishes to remain anonymous. She talked about growing up in Syria, how she could never say what was on her mind for fear of government



Photos: Huiling Wu/Iowa State Daily, Edlib News Network/The Associated Press
A student from Syria speaks Wednesday at the Free Speech Zone about her experience with the protests and riots in Syria and the Arab Spring.

retribution.
'The people live in a state of constant fear,' she said. 'There was a town an hour away from where I grew up that spoke up against the gov-

ernment, the government responded with tanks and mortars, they leveled the entire town along with the 40,000 people who lived there, and my parents couldn't talk to

me about it for fear of bringing that upon themselves.'
These protests started in January of last year, when a worker immolated himself as a part of the Arab Spring

movement. Arab Spring is a wave of rebellions that spread across the Arab world beginning December 18,
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Photo: Nicole Wiegand/Iowa State Daily

GREEK WEEK: Building 'Up' nonperishable food

Members of Gamma Phi Beta, Sigma Phi Epsilon and Delta Upsilon consult a picture of the house from the movie 'Up' in the construction of their Greek Week can sculpture Wednesday on Central Campus.

Middle East

Israeli tensions could lead to a rise in U.S. gas prices

By David Bartholomew
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Tensions between Israel and Iran have long been strained, but with such tension, experts feel there could be consequences such as increased gas prices here in the United States.
As a generation, many current ISU students grew up with news images of suicide bombs going off in Tel Aviv, Israeli tanks rolling through the West Bank and U.S. politicians denouncing the rhetoric of Iranian leaders.
Now that students are older and many rely on the use of vehicles, gas prices can be a priority for college students.
'Israel has to be very fearful of Iran acquiring atomic weaponry and, the fact is, Iran has missiles that can reach Israel,' said Ellen Pirro, lecturer of political science. 'That being said, Iran is stepping up production of its nuclear program and fortifying all of its nuclear sights, which gives the Israelis a narrow window from now until about September to strike Iran.'

To quickly recap, Israel, a very close ally of the United States, has become more and more dissatisfied with the nuclear enrichment program Iran continues to employ for electricity purposes and could possibly use to create a nuclear warhead.
Iran continues to insist that its nuclear program is for strictly for peaceful purposes, but this has not convinced the United States and the European Union, which have both slapped harsh sanctions targeting the banking system and oil production of Iran. However, the Israelis contend that even sanctions are not enough to successfully halt their nuclear program and have threatened they may have to take matters into their own hands by launching an air raid on Iran's nuclear sights.
Many leaders throughout the world, including President Barack Obama, have warned the Israelis about launching a strike on Iran and have continued to push the message that diplomacy and sanctions need time

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IDENTITY

Media prolong influence of racism

By Elizabeth Holmgren
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Since its onset, the campaign against racism has been no easy feat. Although progress has been made, many say the battle is far from over. Media have been identified as an influence for racism.
In a society where acts of blatant racism are often condemned, some

may ask how racism finds its way into the media. In many newsrooms, with the majority being of one race, there is a lack of diversity.
Joel Geske, associate professor in the Greenlee School of Journalism and Communication, teaches a course that devotes part of its time to studying the lack of diversity in newsrooms.
'Every semester we pick a week to

watch all of the local news casts from that week,' Geske said. 'Of all the reporters, there are one or maybe two non-white faces, and that's [within] a whole week's worth of news.'
That is not all that is noticed. Geske said he and his class observed that almost all interviewed experts are white and generally male.
'In general, we still have this power structure that is based on set char-

acteristics — white, male, protestant, heterosexual, middle/upper class and able-bodied,' Geske said.
Facts from the Radio Television Digital News Association reaffirms this judgment. According to the association, only 20.5 percent of local television news workforce in 2011 were minorities.
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FRI
50|70

Sunny with temperatures in the low 70s and light north/northwest winds.

SAT
49|76

A little warmer with sun and high temperatures around 76.

This day in 1979:
Four tornadoes struck the state of Iowa, including one F4 that almost destroyed the town of Bradyville and left at least 15 people injured.

Calendar

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THURSDAY

School of Education director candidate forum
When: 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
What: Carl Smith, professor and chairman of curriculum and instruction, is one of three finalists for the inaugural director's post in the School of Education. A reception will follow.
Where: Cardinal Room, Memorial Union

The Future of African & African American Studies in Iowa
When: 7 p.m.
What: James H. Randall taught for more than 30 years in English and African American Studies at Coe College.
Where: South Ballroom, Memorial Union

FRIDAY

Fridays at Sloss
When: 3 to 5 p.m.
What: Every Friday we enjoy a video and engage in a discussion.
Where: Margaret Sloss Women's Center

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Daily Snapshot



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CENTRAL CAMPUS: Hula hooping into a warm spring

Sara Pirtle, sophomore in apparel, merchandising and design, spins a hula hoop Wednesday on Central Campus with members of the Hula Hoop Club. Warm temperatures drew students out of their dorm rooms and onto Central Campus.

Police Blotter: Ames, ISU Police Departments

The information in the log comes from the ISU and City of Ames police departments' records. All those accused of violating the law are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

March 23

Fadel Al Shamisi , 21, of 217 Welch Ave., Apt. 403, was cited for driving under suspension at Gilchrist Street and	Lauren Juenger , 19, and Julie Kouzoukas , 18, both 6210 Willow Hall, were cited for underage possession of alcohol	at Beach Avenue and Lincoln Way (reported at 10:21 p.m.). Michael Kennedy , 19, 2222 Willow Hall, was cited for underage possession of alcohol	at Beach Avenue and Lincoln Way (reported at 10:41 p.m.). Benjamin Pedrick , 18, of 216 Linden Hall, was cited for underage possession of alcohol	at Birch-Welch-Roberts (reported at 11:02 p.m.). An individual reported damage to several stairwell and bathroom windows at Helser Hall (reported at 11:09 p.m.).
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Celebrity News

Notes and events.

Fonda in talks to play Nancy Reagan
Jane Fonda may be preparing for a new role — that of former First Lady Nancy Reagan.
Fonda's publicist confirmed to CNN that the actress is in talks to play the wife of the 40th president of the United States in the true-life story of Eugene Allen, an African-American man who worked as a butler in the White House from 1952 to 1986.
Allen served eight presidents, ending his career as a White House butler during Ronald Reagan's term as president.
If Fonda's deal comes together, the Oscar-winning actress would join a cast that could include Oprah Winfrey, Forest Whitaker and Mila Kunis, Variety reports.
According to the trade publication, Whitaker is at work closing

a deal to play Allen, while Winfrey is currently in talks to play his wife. Kunis has been approached about playing Jackie Kennedy.
Other potential cast members reportedly include David Oyelowo, who is in negotiations to play Allen's son, and Liam Neeson and John Cusack, who may snag roles as former presidents Lyndon B. Johnson and Richard Nixon.
The film is set to be directed by Lee Daniels, who was nominated for an Oscar for directing "Precious."
Happy 26th birthday, Lady Gaga
Hopefully Lady Gaga knows how to have her cake and eat it to.
The superstar, who turned 26 Wednesday, tweeted a photo

Tuesday night of what appears to be a bit of a pre-party, thanks to the lone candle standing in the center of a cake slice that's seen better days. "This is how it feels turning 26 in three and a half hours," she wrote. "Ha!"
The singer has hinted at her birthday plans, as she told her Twitter followers — or Little Monsters, if you will — that she was planning to have a "quinceanera," an event traditionally held by Latin families for a daughter's 15th birthday, to honor her transition into womanhood.
However the Mother Monster decides to enjoy being another year older, she certainly has plenty to celebrate: At 26, Gaga's racked up five Grammys, nine songs in the top 10 of Billboard's Hot 100 and has sold more than 23 million albums.

Lindsay Lohan to appear on 'Glee'
On the heels of Lindsay Lohan's "Saturday Night Live" hosting gig and new role as Elizabeth Taylor in a Lifetime movie, the actress has also lined up a guest spot on "Glee."
Her rep did not provide more details other than to confirm that she will appear in an upcoming episode.

According to TVLine, the 25-year-old actress, who has been making efforts to rebound from her long history of legal woes, has been in final talks to appear in one of the final episodes as herself, portraying a celebrity judge at Nationals.
Brinkley, Cook battle it out on 'Today'
The battle of the exes continued Wednesday as Christie Brinkley's ex-husband Peter Cook fired back at her on the "Today" show.
On Tuesday the Broadway actress — who's gearing up for a return to "Chicago" — went on "Today" and accused Cook of harassment and of continually plotting to "destroy [her] joy" four years after their split.
Brinkley, who has two teenage kids with her fourth husband, cried as she said she "just wants peace for my family."
Today, Cook characterized her breakdown as "crocodile tears."
"Ever since the separation she's been on a campaign to try and smear me," Cook told "Today" about Brinkley's interview, which she said was her first TV interview about their split.

CNN wire staff

The Future of African & African American Studies in Iowa

James Randall
James H. Randall taught for more than thirty years in English and African American Studies at Coe College. His courses have included African American, African, and Caribbean literature and African American history. He also taught African American literature courses at the University of Iowa and worked with the African American Museum of Iowa in Cedar Rapids. Randall grew up in rural North Carolina, where he worked in the tobacco fields and did other farm work and attended segregated schools from the first grade through college. He earned his bachelor's degree at North Carolina A&T State University and a master's in English at Carnegie-Mellon University. He is the Stead Family Professor of English Emeritus at Coe College.

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Daily

New editor-in-chief chosen for 2012-2013

The new 2012-2013 editor-in-chief for the Daily is Katherine Klingseis, sophomore in journalism and mass communications.

“I’m very happy and excited to begin as editor-in-chief,” Klingseis said. “I have a lot of concepts and plans for next year, and I am excited to see them accomplished.”

Klingseis has gained experience through several positions at The Daily, including serving as a news reporter, special sections reporter, special sections editor, news editor and managing editor of online and content.

The Daily Publication Board chose Klingseis for the position. Katelynn



Photo: David Derong/Iowa State Daily
Katherine Klingseis was chosen Wednesday night as the new editor-in-chief for the coming academic year.

McCullough, sophomore in journalism and mass communications and political science, and Kelsey Kremer, junior in communication studies, also applied for the position.

By Daily staff

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2010, in Tunisia.

The Arab Spring has successfully removed rulers from power in Tunisia, Egypt, Libya and Yemen. These movements have been a response to government repression and human rights violations.

The protests in Syria began as peaceful protests against the harsh treatment from the government, led by President Bashar Al-Assad. The government responded immediately with violence, killing thousands of protesters in the streets.

“[The government] didn’t have the ‘luxury’ of having rubber bullets and water hoses being used on rioters,” she said. “They just shot and killed everyone.”

Syria has been in a state of emergency law since 1963, which gave the government an incredible amount of power over the country in suspending people’s rights. Emergency law placed the prime minister as “martial law governor,” granting his powers to suspend the people’s rights to meet, to travel around the country, the ability to arrest without cause and to delegate any person to the fulfillment of these tasks. The government also set up snipers on the borders to stop refugees from escaping the country.

What the government is doing to repress the people is not acceptable,” said Abhijit Patwa, freshman in mechanical engineering and mem-

ber of the International Student Council. “And other countries helping Syria’s government is also not acceptable, the people should have autonomy and peace.”

Talks of peace have been suspended in the country. The rioters call for the immediate removal of Al-Assad, who insists he will change his policies, but little has changed in his 10 year reign. The U.N. Security Council has attempted to force talks of peace, but Russia and China have both halted any movement forward towards peace.

Russia is in open support of the current Syrian government, sending arms and soldiers by the boatload to help with quelling the rebellions. The most recent peace attempt involved former U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, who flew to Moscow in an attempt to find strong Russian support towards a ceasefire and open up political discussion on the subject.

Along with giving out this information to students, the International Student Council also had petitions for people to sign for the release of political prisoners. These petitions will be given to the government officials in a symbolic attempt to free the people.

“These are just two of the most recent ones,” said Jiyeon Han, junior in microbiology and the humanitarian committee elect. “They are mostly symbolic, it’s more about spreading the word about Syria and letting people know what’s going on and to draw more attention to it.”

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to take effect before a military option is seriously considered.

“The international repercussions of a nuclear Iran would be so abominable because, first of all, it could destroy Israel and could even set off a big nuclear arms race in the region,” Pirro said. “The potential for Middle Eastern conflict is so high. And if Israel attacks Iran first, it could wind up with retaliation from a lot of people including Hezbollah, Hamas and Iran itself.”

In the last few months, the Iranian government has threatened to use its navy to close off the Straits of Hormuz in the Persian Gulf, where roughly 20 percent of the world’s oil passes through every day. This could cause the United States’s Fifth Fleet, which is based in the Gulf state of Bahrain, to act to end the blockade and to have an effect on world oil prices.

“I would guess that in the event of conflict, gas would prop up almost immediately to over \$4 a gallon and maybe even go into the \$5 range because of these dramatic events,” said James McCormick, professor of political science.

Additionally, Pirro said he is of the belief that many students do not have any idea the implications this potential conflict could bring about, much of which, like oil prices, could directly affect students at Iowa State.

“Many students are very much unaware of the Middle East and all of the ramifications that come with it,” Pirro said. “Unfortunately, some of my students can’t even identify where Iran is on a map.”

McCormick and Pirro both went on to



Illustration: Ryan Francois/Iowa State Daily

say that even though the Israelis continue to push for a strike on Iran, logistically it would be very difficult without the support of the United States.

The Israelis are known to possess an impressive air force, but the sheer scope of a long range air strike on Iranian nuclear sites would require the full breadth of their weaponry and even then could still be unsuccessful because many of the sites are buried deep underground or in the sides of mountains. Nevertheless, an air strike could shake up things in the world

oil markets and potentially cause international conflict.

However, McCormick said this is not to say that good old fashioned diplomacy has been thrown out the window, yet.

“The Iranians have said they want to come back to the bargaining table, but they have to come back and actually bargain,” McCormick said. “That’s the obvious way to get this. But if they are so determined to get a bomb and unwilling to bargain with this, it is going to be very difficult to get a resolution on their nuclear program.”

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Geske said limited diversity in the newsroom results in limited points of view. Inevitably, these limited points of view will narrow the range of stories that are chosen to be reported through the news.

“We need to get a wider spectrum of people, images and voice on the news, rather than this little slice that currently exists,” Geske said.

The need for diverse voices in the newsroom is strong, but the newsroom is not the only outlet for racism in the media. The increasing importance and usage of social media creates a dangerous terrain for potential racism.

“Social media and Internet interaction has produced blatantly racist content on blogs, microblogs and other venues,” said Michael Bugeja, director of the Greenlee School of Journalism and Communication.

Bugeja offered a solution to this sticky circumstance.

“Require identification for comments and monitor, monitor, monitor the trolls,” Bugeja said. “The blogosphere is full of trolls, and some write the most vicious things. Keep them out of mainstream media, and ignore them whenever you can.”

Kevin Blankenship, assistant professor of psychology, said he believes that, while stereotypes people have about certain races may not always lie at the fault of the media, oftentimes their convictions are verified by what they see in their media outlets.

“At the end of the day, the stereotypes we know and hold to be true about people/groups influence how we see the world and how we convey information to others,” Blankenship said.

Blankenship said, psychologically, these effects are often remembered because they validate the racism stereotype.

“There is work that suggests that exposure to new media that depicts these negative cross-race interactions might help validate the stereotypes that people

have,” Blankenship said. “So, someone who knows — and even believes — the stereotype that say, blacks are aggressive, watches the 10 o’clock news. The top story is that a drug store near their home was robbed. Later in the story a description of the perpetrator is described as black.”

Many people, he said, would already be contemplating about what type of person would commit this certain crime, and it will activate their beliefs.

“People reading the news may be thinking about what kind of person would do this, and it may activate concepts associated with poverty, aggression, etc.,” Blankenship said.

“After learning the description, the person watching the story uses the description to validate their use of stereotypes. They may think, ‘Well surprise, it was a black person.’ That is, the world provides them with a way to justify their way of thinking about a stigmatized group. Now this isn’t the fault of the media, this kind of effect seems to happen.”

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Editorial

Stereotypes
slow justice,
law and order

What a mess.

The shooting of Trayvon Martin in Sanford, Fla., last month has sparked the newest wave of race panic to sweep the nation. George Zimmerman, the main suspect in the shooting, told police during the 911 call that “we’ve had some break-ins in my neighborhood, and there’s a real suspicious guy [here]” who “looks like he’s up to no good.”

What made Martin suspicious of Zimmerman? Only Martin, Zimmerman and God know what really happened, but the possibility exists that Zimmerman may have stereotyped Martin. “He looks black. ... [He’s wearing a] dark hoodie, like a grey hoodie and either jeans or sweatpants and white kinda shoes,” Zimmerman told the 911 dispatcher.

That’s all well and good; such a description is perfectly valid and would be critical to give police were a crime being committed. But then Zimmerman said, “These assholes, they always get away.”

Was Zimmerman stereotyping? Maybe, maybe not. But the incident has taken on a life of its own as Al Sharpton, the Black Panthers, celebrities and even the Miami Heat are advocating against Zimmerman.

Is more hate the solution to what someone thinks is racism? Is more vigilantism the solution to what someone thinks is vigilantism? Do people who weren’t present during the event have the right to judge a man they’ve never met? Should the media provide the fuel and fan the flames?

This incident is under investigation. It may be that the Sanford police dropped the ball; however, state and Federal authorities are now looking into the matter. That Zimmerman hasn’t been arrested isn’t the cause for alarm society has made it out to be, either.

America is a nation of laws, not popular passions. The Bill of Rights casts the mantle of innocence over everyone. Until law enforcement has evidence that a crime has been committed, a suspect may not be arrested.

Zimmerman is claiming the shooting was self-defense and much ado about nothing has been made regarding the so-called “stand your ground” law. Self-defense is an affirmative defense, not an automatic get-out-of-jail-free card as the national panic makes it seem. Zimmerman, if he ends up in trial, will have to prove his case as much as the prosecution will have to prove theirs.

The grand jury will deliberate on Zimmerman’s case on April 10, and the investigation will continue until then. We need to step back, let the police do their jobs, and give the case its day in court. Until then, if there were anything we ought to be doing, it’s working on the stereotyping that may have started all this in the first place.

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Politics



Opponents of a mandatory ultrasound bill being considered by the Idaho Legislature march around the Statehouse in a protest organized by the ACLU of Idaho, Monday in Boise, Idaho. If passed, SB1387 would require women to view an ultrasound examination of their pre-born fetus before considering an abortion.

Focus on ‘rights’ is wrong

*Authoritative compromise
harms ‘vibrancy of debate’*

Groups on the political left are just as guilty of fundamentalism as groups on the right, such as members of the Tea Party. Both sides race away from real policy discussions toward the first principles of rights; for Republicans and conservatives, that often takes the shape of invoking appeals to religious freedom and economic liberty. For Democrats and liberals, that often takes the shape of invoking women’s rights or fairness.

Given the speed with which they do so, you would think that the Republicans and Democrats fancy themselves soldiers of World War I when, once the French and British stopped the German advance through northern France, the Germans on one side and the French and British on the other tried to flank the other’s line. Instead of striking out, they would strike around. To do that, they raced away from Paris toward the English Channel.

Most recently, public appeals to rights come from some commentators who describe a war on women’s rights from the likes of Rick Santorum and other Republicans who want to limit the distribution of public money to organizations that also provide abortions, the use of public money to pay for women’s health care, or who want to require women seeking an abortion to undergo an ultrasound beforehand.

Rights are by definition inviolable, and involving them in policy discussions means the most we can say when they are in danger is “Go to hell” or “Fuck you.” Since they are rights, there is no debating them: There is only force. If your actions can be abridged for good reason — even in cases of national emergency — they are not rights.

In some cases, such as women’s rights, the issue is not even one of rights. That term,



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“women’s rights,” is a misnomer. It is inaccurate. It is wrong. The term is inaccurate because women are a faction. They belong to a specific, defined, particular group of people. A faction cannot have rights. If it did, if its members did, they would be secured by the government and exercised by themselves at the expense of other rights.

Women do not have women’s rights. Men do not have men’s rights. African-Americans do not have African-Americans’ rights. Caucasians do not have Caucasians’ rights. Muslims do not have Muslims’ rights. Christians do not have Christians’ rights. Nobody has rights that stem from his or her status as a member of a demographic smaller than “human.”

Hence, for a woman to have an absolute right to birth control, no one else’s rights, such as freedom of religion or freedom to not aid in the commission of acts that violates one’s religious teachings or conscience, can be infringed. If they are, the woman does not have a right to birth control — at least not to birth control provided by someone other than herself. What we refer to as “women’s rights” are, rather, women’s privileges.

That idea belongs to Enlightenment thinker. It is Immanuel Kant’s categorical imperative that we should act only according to standards we think should be universal prescriptions.

In other words, only do something if you should do it in every circumstance.

“Women’s rights” is really a policy discussion. We should be talking about whether we want the government to compel people to provide services they do not want to provide — for whatever reason — in terms of how it affects daily life, not in terms of whose rights such compulsion violates or assists.

Or we should talk about whether we want the government to fund organizations whose funding is largely from non-governmental sources in terms of whether additional sources would fill the void or whether the government’s budget can afford to privilege that program over others that actually provide a public good rather than one that benefits only the women it interacts with as customers or patients.

The impossibility of compromise, which is the essence of political interaction, on a yes-or-no issue (there is no third option available in this dichotomy) means that issues of authority, such as which rights belong to whom, are antecedents of politics. They are, in other words, prepolitical.

Until constitutional provisions clearly add “women’s rights” to the rights outside the reach of our political process, we have no business discussing them in policy settings. While they are certainly a matter for a constitutional convention or the debates that would surround Congress’s consideration of a constitutional amendment, talking about “women’s rights” when we are talking about ordinary bills, amendments or laws does nothing for the vibrancy of public debate.

Rather, talking about rights only embitters people and leads them to entrench their positions and opinions of others. We should talk about rights only when a mortal danger presents itself.

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Education

College degrees have lost luster

As slow news day combined with writer’s block is an opinion writer’s worst nightmare. It is at times like these that I try to drum up ideas through various media as to what is on people’s minds. With the unfortunate removal of the “Just Sayin’” section, the collective conscious mind of the student body has been harder to tap into.

I took a small sample from Facebook asking what was on everyone’s minds, more specifically what they’d like to see an article on. I got several responses and although requests to write about prostitution in Iowa or implementing Cylon detection systems would have lead to some interesting articles.

The comment that stood out the most requested a discussion on “the decline of trade schools and how colleges are taking people who were never qualified to be here in the first place. It’s bad because now you have to have an AA to even be an assistant manager at most retail places.” This post received a whopping nine likes. All kidding aside, I feel it’s an issue that is definitely on the mind of at least a few people.

Seeing as how we’re at school that literally accepts so many students to the point that we almost didn’t have enough dorm rooms, you have to wonder, are we accept-



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ing too many people? Or are you just going to an easy college? And if it’s easier, did the college make it easier or are people just smarter? Let that one simmer for a second.

I honestly feel it varies from person to person and their major of interest. There’s always been the notion that some students are pursuing easier degrees than others, but as someone who typically struggles with standardized exams, I can say what’s easy for one isn’t always easy for another. You might be super good at math or computer programming but have no idea how to run a restaurant. Both are professions that have their own difficulties but valuable intrinsic rewards.

The larger issue at hand however is that of obtaining a bachelor’s degree out of pure necessity, almost as if it’s the next step after high school you must follow through with. And it’s not just students choosing to take the risk of obtaining a degree, but everyone is at fault — parents, college institutions and employers

— for putting in our minds that it’s literally a “requirement” to go into the real world. College has become a necessity rather than a privilege, and I think some of us have forgotten that. I’m all for pursuing further education after high school, but only if it makes actual sense for you and your goals. There’s no reason to go to college and take out huge loans just for the sake of going to college.

There’s a school of thought that argues if you get a quick one- or two-year technical degree and start accumulating wealth earlier in your life you can be just as well off as someone who got their four-year degree, and especially if they went to graduate school or got their doctorate. Yes, your salary will be higher right out of college, but taking into account the time value of money and student loans you would have needed to have taken out, you’re still going to take a while to accumulate wealth.

And as a Wall Street Journal article suggests, there’s so many factors that go into this calculation, such as risks you may or may not take, finding and keeping jobs, various life events and whether or not your online business hits the big time. It’s hard to say one way or the other, but the general consensus is whether or not you go to college or get a job out of high school or get a technical degree,

it’s hard to calculate an exact level of advantage to each due to varying situations. The average salary of someone with a college degree might be higher, but the factors that go into each person’s salary and how they got there are unique stories in their own.

The real issue my friend was pointing to was that even if you decided to skip college, you’d have almost no shot of success since almost everyone is getting a college degree and almost all jobs are starting to require them. This almost makes having a college degree to be on the same level of that of a diploma due to its universality.

College used to have an elite nature that both increased its appeal to potential students as well as the increased worth of its graduates. With the further separation of the middle class from the wealthy, are you, the future college grad, the information worker as a textbook would define you, considered to be working class or part of the elite? The bourgeoisie or the proletariat? An enlightened individual or just another multiple choice test zombie? Only time will tell.

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ONLINE:



ISU PITCHES WIN AGAINST DRAKE

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NFL:



The Associated Press

Postseason OT adopted for regular season

PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Even though the NFL's new rule for postseason overtime has never come into play, it is being expanded for the regular season, too.

NFL owners passed the playoff overtime rule for the regular schedule Wednesday. All games that go into overtime now cannot end on a field goal on the first possession.

The opposing team must get one series, and if it also kicks a field goal, the extra period continues. Of course, if it fails to score it loses, and if it gets a touchdown, it wins.

The rule has not been a factor since it was instituted in 2010, with only two playoff games going to OT. One ended on the first play, Tim Tebow's 80-yard touchdown pass to Demaryius Thomas for a Denver victory over Pittsburgh. The other had several possessions for each team before the Giants beat the 49ers in the NFC title game this season.

The vote on adopting the new overtime rule was 30-2.

Other rules changes: a team will lose a down for illegally kicking a loose ball; too many men on the field becomes a dead ball foul; and a player receiving a crackback block is now considered a defenseless player and the hit will result in a 15-yard penalty.

CRIME:

Two arrested for wire fraud against Colts' DE Freeney

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A financial adviser for Indianapolis Colts defensive end Dwight Freeney and the adviser's lover have been arrested on federal wire fraud charges that allege they swindled about \$2.2 million from the lineman.

Eva Weinberg, 48, of Los Angeles, and Michael Stern, 51, of Miami, were arrested last week by FBI agents who believe the couple were trying to flee the United States.

Stern appeared in a Miami courtroom Wednesday and will be extradited in the coming weeks to California, where he and Weinberg face charges.

"Mr. Stern denies he violated the law and it's his position he and Ms. Weinberg didn't steal any money from Mr. Freeney," said Stern's attorney, Henry Bell.

Weinberg has posted \$225,000 bond. A phone message left for her attorney, Mark Byrne, was not immediately returned. Freeney also didn't return calls seeking comment.

SPORTS JARGON:

Saw-Off

SPORT:

Baseball/Softball

DEFINITION:

When a batter is only able to hit the ball near the handle and it's weakly hit, due to the type of pitch.

USE:

ISU softball player Torri Torrescano throws a pitch inside on a batter in order to saw-off that player's swing.

Softball

Torrescano shines bright

By Travis Cammon
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This season has proven to be a difficult one for the ISU softball team, which is currently sitting near the bottom of the Big 12 standings, ranking eighth in batting and ninth in pitching and fielding.

But there is a bright spot that shines through the Cyclones' season woes as junior pitcher Tori Torrescano has become their go-to player and currently leads the team in wins as a pitcher with six.

"She has kind of proven that what she does is where we go," said coach Stacy Gemeinhardt-Cesler. "If she throws well, we obviously have a lot more success."

Torrescano currently ranks in the top 10 of the Big 12 in both innings pitched (82) and saves (2).

"It's been a huge adjustment," Torrescano said. "Last year, we had Rachel [Zabriskie], who was the workhorse. So my role was to help her when I could and really focus on hitting. It's been tough mentally sometimes but it's good."

But Torrescano has not just been the best pitcher for the Cyclones, she has also been consistently one of the best hitters for the team as well.

Last year, she finished the season tied an ISU record 11 home runs, led the team with .618 slugging percentage, was second on the team in runs scored with 31, led the team with 51 hits and was second on the team with 33 RBIs.

"I love doing both [pitching and hitting]," Torrescano said. "A lot of people told me growing up I couldn't do both and I would have to choose one. I said, 'No, I'm going to hit, and I'm going to play other positions.'"

"It takes a lot of extra time on my part, but I like it because if I'm struggling in one aspect, I can make it up in another."

Torrescano, a native of San Diego, leads the team in essentially all offensive categories again this year including home runs (8), RBI (100 per game) and slugging percentage (.727). Her stats also rank sixth, sixth and fifth, respectively, in the Big 12 overall as well.

"Tori has been a great leader to the team," said senior pitcher Lauren Kennewell. "She's hitting well and pitching well, and she's really become the go-to person on both offense and defense."

Torrescano's play on the mound has gradually improved over her years at Iowa State. Combining for only seven wins total in her first two years, the junior has compiled six wins already.

"I really liked how [softball] is an individual sport within a team sport," Torrescano said. "My mom tells me, when I was little, one time I saw other little girls playing softball at a park and wanted to do it, and I've been doing it ever since."



Torrescano

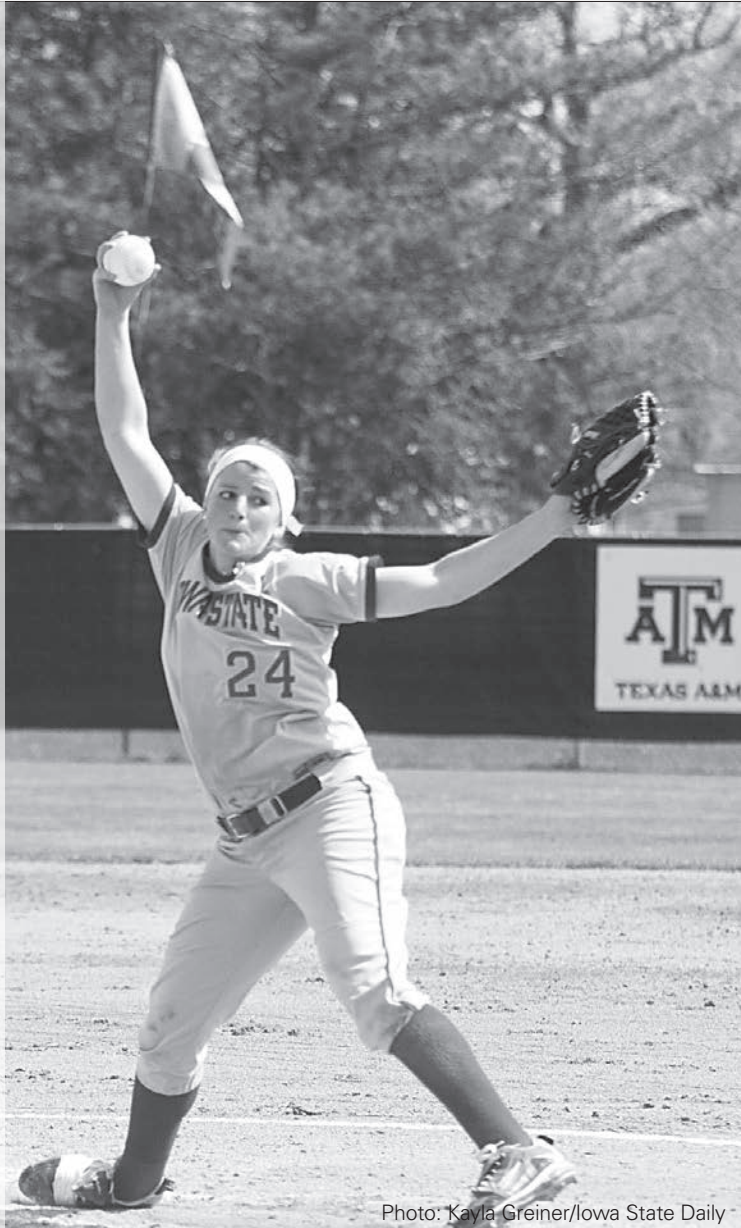


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Baseball

Cy-Hawk rivalry runs another round

*Previous wins against Iowa provide club with momentum*By Clint Cole
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The rivalry between Iowa State and Iowa has leaned primarily in the Cyclones' favor this year.

The ISU football team beat the Hawkeyes on Sept. 10, 2011, for the first time since 2007; the ISU women's basketball team defeated the Hawkeyes on Dec. 7, 2011; and the ISU men's basketball team defeated the Hawkeyes on Dec. 9, 2011, for the third consecutive time.

When thinking of this historic rivalry, it is not too often that club sports come to mind. The ISU Club Baseball team, however, sees this as one of the most important games of their season, just like any other ISU team.

"We try to take as much momentum into those games as we can; we want to play our best," said Ethan Schroeder, one of the team's vice presidents. "They're our big rivals even in our baseball conference for us; they're always our biggest competition."

Dalton Hauer, freshman in civil engineering, has similar feelings toward the Hawkeye rivalry.

"It's definitely the same way," Hauer said. "They're still a big rival, we still just want to stick it to them. I feel like it's the same mentality where you just want to blow them out."

Last season the Cyclones were defeated by the Hawkeyes in all three conference games. The Hawkeyes won by scores of 3-0, 12-5 and 15-5, and Schroeder said they have a chip on their shoulder this year.

Schroeder said Cyclones have been "more intense" and "trying to get into the game mode a little bit earlier on in the week."



Photo courtesy of Aaron Hinnah

ISU junior Ethan Schroeder, left, attempts to get back on base before USD baseman Steven Johnson, can tag him out during their weekend game at University of South Dakota.

"We really want to come out swinging on Saturday in that first game," Schroeder said.

Last weekend the Cyclones took three out of four conference games on the road against the University of South Dakota and Hauer said it has them feeling pretty "loose" in practice this week.

"We have a lot of confidence coming off of last

weekend, so we're still staying focused, but we're still having a good time out there on the diamond," Hauer said.

The Cyclones take on the Hawkeyes on Saturday at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. and then again on Sunday at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. All four games will be played at Cap Timm Field.

Tennis

Cyclones hope to turn season around

*Team focuses on doubles play to build chemistry*By Michael Schmitt
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At this point in the season, the ISU tennis team is not doing much out of the ordinary.

Although the Cyclones (3-14, 0-4 Big 12) are not having the season they would have liked, they still have a month to get it all figured out.

"There's still time to turn it around, we still have five matches left, and hopefully we can make that turnaround," said assistant coach Rod Puebla.

"If we can get that going, and hopefully, if we can make the switch with doubles, then

it's going to make a big difference. The girls know what they need to do."

In order to be a good doubles team, the players must play together and work as a team.

Puebla said they can try all the different formations and everything, but if the players are not doing the basics the right way, then none of it matters.

"We just need to find that chemistry, and these girls just need to buy into playing together," Puebla said. "Tennis is such an individual sport; you always play it by yourself for 10 to 15 years, and they come in here and they need to make that transition to try to compete as a team."

He also said the women are not doing anything too intense because of how much



Photo: Ryan Riley/Iowa State Daily

Assistant coach Rod Puebla works with the tennis team Wednesday at the Forker tennis courts.

they travel and play.

The tennis team travels quite a bit this season with trips to Hawaii, Michigan, South Carolina, Oklahoma and multiple trips to Texas.

With all the time spent on the road, Puebla said this week the team will just focus

on academics and the basics. This is the first week the Cyclones do not have a match the upcoming weekend.

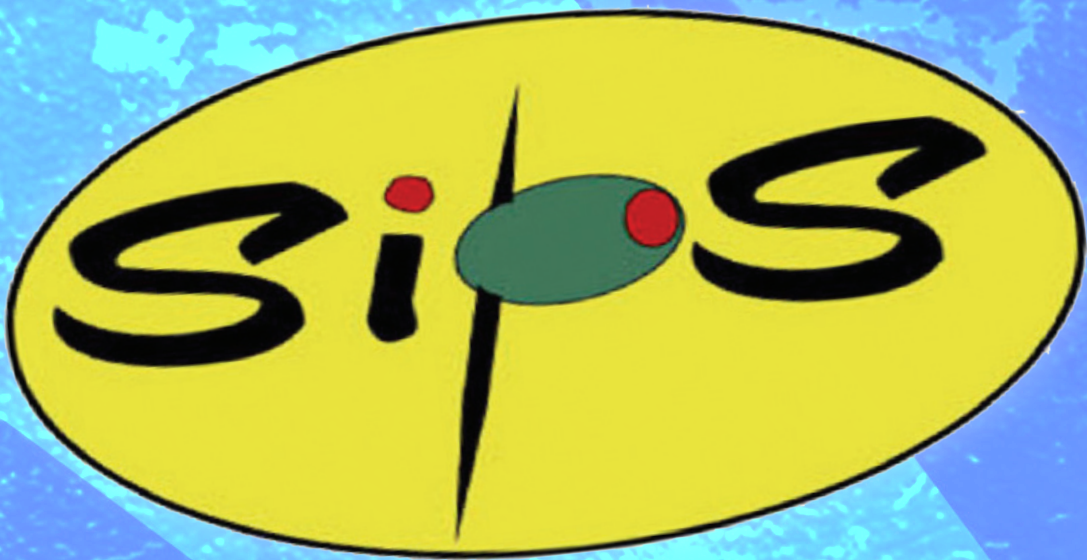
Every once in a while the team does fun competitions in practice to take the pressure off and lighten the mood. "Sometimes we'll play

'dingles,' which is like doubles and singles combined," said sophomore Emma Waites. "Two people start rallying cross court, and if one of the peoples' cross court points ends, it becomes doubles and now everyone becomes involved, and then you have to win two points to win the point, it's fun."

With five matches left, the Cyclones know they can win, they just have to figure out how.

"From here on is when it really matters, we have chances to beat Kansas, Missouri and Kansas State, so that is pretty much what we're going to focus on," Puebla said.


"One of our goals is to beat those teams, and to do that, we're going to have to do better in doubles."



WEDNESDAY Bacardi

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\$1 Whiskey Drinks &
\$1 Busch Light Draws
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THURSDAY Greek Night

\$2 Speciality Bombs w/ wristband
\$2 off Mugs till 10pm
\$1 off Mugs till Midnight

FRIDAY

\$3 Bombs
\$2 Wells
\$1 Draws (till 10:30pm)

Birthday SATURDAY

\$3 Pitchers for birthday groups
(till 11pm)

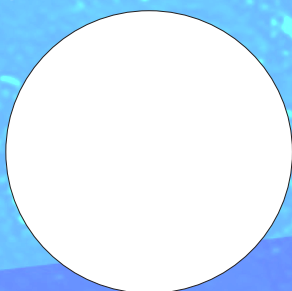


WEDNESDAY

St. Practice Day
\$3 Car Bombs
\$2 Irish Drinks & Shots
\$1 Can Beers

SATURDAY

2fer's from 8-11pm



WEDNESDAY

BEER PONG TOURNAMENT
\$250 GRAND PRIZE

Military Night

d/Bud Light
Bud/Bud Light
Koozie

FRIDAY F.A.C.

\$1 Draws (4 to 8pm)
\$5 Pitchers (4 to 8pm)
Free Papa John's Pizza
(6 to 8pm)
2fer's on Wells & Draws
(8 to 10pm)

\$2 Wells
\$2.50 Bud/Bud Light &
other domestic bottles
\$5 Pitchers (till Midnight)
\$1 Draws of Bud/Bud Light
\$1 Dirty Shirley's with
Beer Pong wristbands (from 8-Midnight)



SATURDAY

\$5 Pitchers 8pm-11pm
\$1 Captains 8pm-11pm
\$1 Dirty Shirley's 8pm-11pm

Friday March 30th Country Rock Group

Dennis Wayne Gang

Performing Live At Outlaws

Starting at 9pm • Doors open at 8pm

THURSDAY g Night

Draws & \$5 Wells
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FRIDAY

\$3 You Call It
\$2 Wells
\$1 Draws (til 10pm)

SATURDAY

2fer's on Wells &
Draws (till 10pm)

EVENTS
Calendar

Thursday

Cyclone Cinema: "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo"

- Where: Carver 101
- When: 7 and 10 p.m.
- Cost: Free

* Showings continue on Friday, Saturday and Sunday

Friday

Katchafire

- Where: M-Shop
- When: 9 p.m.
- Cost: Free for students, \$10 general

Saturday

Oberhofer w/ Pond

- Where: M-Shop
- When: 9 p.m.
- Cost: \$4 students, \$10 general +\$2 day-of-show

Sunday

Ames Piano Quartet

- Where: Martha-Ellen Tye recital hall
- When: 7:30 p.m.
- Cost: Free

Monday

Enameling with Rhonda Scott

- Where: The Workspace
- When: 6 p.m.
- Cost: \$73 students, \$83 public (includes supplies)

Tuesday

Open Mic

- Where: M-Shop
- When: 8 p.m.
- Cost: Free

Wednesday

Dive-in Movie: "The Adventures of Tintin"

- Where: State Gym pool
- When: 8 p.m.
- Cost: Free to ISU students and Recreation Services pass holders

courtesy of Ames247.com

Movies

- "The Lorax"

Music

- The Shins' "Port of Morrow"

Music

- Odd Future's "The OFTape, Vol. 2"

Music



File photo: Bryan Besler/Iowa State Daily
The band Doctor Murdock performs during the 15-hour show on Feb. 5 at The Space. The concert was one of many putting Ames on the musical map.

Ames on cutting edge

Weekend of concerts
plays diverse acts

By Vincent Geerts
Ames247 writer

Only a few months ago, local singer/songwriter Clayton Severson planned on moving to Nashville, Tenn. But after some consideration, he decided to join the "emerging music scene in Ames."

"Nashville just isn't the place it used to be," he said. "It's good to be on the cutting edge rather than starting on the bottom."

Each weekend in Ames brings local and touring artists to the stage, and Severson is happy to be among them. He said the community is very supportive, and "conducive to the great music scene which Ames has."

This weekend the Maintenance Shop will have performances from promising touring artists while local artists like Ladysoal; Doctor Murdock; and Peace, Love, and Stuff will play DG's Tap House.

Connor Nolan, director at the M-Shop, said Friday night is "a great opportunity to check out the M-Shop."

Reggae group Katchafire will perform with Common Kings and K'Nova in a concert free to any ISU student. Admission is \$10 to the general public. Katchafire grew popular in its home country, New Zealand, before making a U.S. tour with similar artists.

Nolan was also optimistic about



File photo: David Derong/Iowa State Daily

Lavonne McRoberts, lead vocalist and guitarist, and Dylan Boyle, guitarist, perform with their band, "Peace, Love & Stuff," during the 15-hour show on Feb. 5 at The Space.

the show Saturday night.

Performing group Oberhofer recently released its debut album with Glassnote Records, which released hits for groups such as Phoenix and Mumford & Sons.

"I think in a couple years, people won't believe we actually had Oberhofer in the M-Shop," Nolan said.

DG's Tap House will also host a touring artist Friday night, alt-funk group Dead Larry out of Minneapolis, though the group originated in Iowa City.

Saturday night at DG's, Severson will open the stage around 9 p.m. for a group of artists he is "stoked to see perform."

Peace, Love, and Stuff takes the

stage second. Lead singer Lavonne McRoberts said the band has changed considerably since its last recording, becoming more "rockabilly" in sound. The band is recording a full length album with Bryon Dudley at The Spacemint.

Doctor Murdock has been a common sight on the Ames scene, taking the third spot in Saturday's show before Ladysoal.

Sharika Soal is pleased to be headlining but was also thankful for the local support. She is confident it will be a "very solid, high-energy show" because of "all the great talent we will have in the building."

She said her music has changed as well, growing from her early "hard-knock life story" into who she is today

Friday Night

- Katchafire w/Common Kings, K'Nova.**
- When: 9 p.m.
 - Where: The M-Shop.
 - Cost: Free to ISU students, \$10 public.
- Dead Larry (21+)**
- When: 10 p.m.
 - Where: DG's Tap House
 - Cost: \$5

Saturday Night

- Oberhofer w/Pond**
- When: 9 p.m.
 - Where: The M-Shop
 - Cost: \$4 students, \$10 general + \$2 day-of-show
- Ladysoal w/Doctor Murdock; Peace, Love, and Stuff; Clayton Severson (21+)**
- When: 9 p.m.
 - Where: DG's Tap House
 - Cost: \$5

as an almost 28-year-old woman. She said she is trying a new vocal style with her newer tracks that she feels is working well.

"As my band develops, I write better music too," she said. "I wasn't the best last year, and I'm not the best this year, but I have to keep topping myself every year."

Faculty

One last round for Piano Quartet

Group celebrates
retiring members
with past favorites

By Olivia Gard
Ames247 writer

The Ames Piano Quartet, an ensemble of ISU faculty musicians, will say goodbye to its two founding members as it holds a final concert this semester. On Sunday, Mahlon Darlington, violinist, and William David, pianist, will play in their last Ames concert before they retire after 36 years of making music together.

The ensemble normally performs full chamber music compositions, each which usually contain three to four "movements" of differing tempos and styles. However, Sunday's concert will be unique in that it will combine Darlington and David's favorite movements from throughout the years, pulled from larger compositions

Events

- When:**
Sunday at 7:30 p.m.
- What:**
Ames Piano Quartet Concert.
- Where:**
Martha-Ellen Tye Recital Hall.
- Cost:**
Free

into a comprehensive "pot-pourri," as Darlington called it.

"This concert is really unique," said Jonathan Sturm, violist in the quartet. "We usually play a more traditional concert, but this one is one ... that will happen probably once,"

Over the past 36 years, the quartet has evolved from a small, local group to something much bigger.

"When we began, just playing on campus, we had aspirations to do more and



Photo courtesy of the Ames Piano Quartet
The Ames Piano Quartet will lose two of its four members after a final concert Sunday.

more," David said. "We dedicated ourselves to making that happen."

Since then, the quartet has recorded 14 CDs, which Darlington said leave a "legacy" for the group. The ensemble has performed throughout the United States as well as internationally in Taiwan, South Africa, France, Cuba and Russia.

All the time spent together while recording, traveling

and practicing six to 10 hours a week have formed a feeling of "camaraderie" between the players, something necessary for their success as a musical "family," David said.

Compatible musicianship and dedication, as well as personality, will be important when the ensemble has auditions to pick new members, said George Work, cellist in the quartet.

Introducing new players

will change the ensemble, he added.

"It's bound to be quite different, and in a way that's sad, of course, since we've played together for such a long time," Work said. "But it's also exciting because when you add a new person to a chamber music group, you know that brings a new perspective."

On Sunday, the ensemble will play movements by composers which include Beethoven, Brahms, Dvorack, Martinu and Bridge, a list which has much more variety than their usual concerts containing three composers, Sturm said.

Family and friends who are not regular attendees will travel to see the ensemble's final Ames concert, so a larger audience than usual is expected.

While playing, David said the group will try to focus on the task at hand rather than outside emotions. "I'm hoping I'm just able to keep my mind on what I'm doing," he chuckled.



Tony LaBat

Know a student who would make an interesting profile? Let us know at ames247@iowastatedaily.com



Interview:
For more of Tony's interview, including video and photos, visit [ames247.com](#)

By Olivia Gard
Ames247 Writer

Tony Labat, junior in music, has specialized in playing the flute and recently participated in the Concert of Soloists with the ISU Symphony Orchestra on Saturday, which featured winners of a multi-round concerto competition between music students.

Q: What sort of role has music played in your life so far?

A: It was always pretty important, but not in the way it is now. Since I came here, it's just kind of taken over. Not in a bad way, but it is what I do, and I can't really imagine doing anything else. I can't imagine just stopping it now, which is weird, because I thought I was going to come here and do psychology or something. I declared music because it's something I really love doing, and it just kind of happened that one day I was like, I don't know what else I would be doing.

Q: What have you learned from your

experiences with performing?

A: The biggest thing is how to control my nerves. I think the recital, ironically, was the best I've ever been with nerves and how exactly you go about dealing with that. It's a big obstacle — at least, it was huge for me when I came here. Every time I'd get in front of one person or the accompaniment, it would cripple me. It just got in the way. The more performing I did, the easier it became to figure out what I needed to do to get rid of those.

Q: Where do you expect to go from here, for short term and also long term plans?

A: I've already started programming the next recital, and that will be fun. We've got at least one piece figured out. Maybe two. I haven't decided on the second one yet. I'm planning on doing a chamber recital in the fall, maybe. I don't know how it will work out, but there's a lot of really cool pieces, you know, so why not? And then long term, I really want to go to Chicago and do Northwestern [University] and grad school there and hopefully get a job with a theater company.

Theater

2012-13 season finalized

Six plays selected for upcoming academic year

By Michael Still
Ames247 writer

Tragedy, collaboration, wonder and British accents are set to hit the stage in the upcoming academic year.

ISU Theatre has announced the six shows that have been selected for the 2012-13 season.

"Finalizing the season has been a long process," said Jane Cox, professor and director of the ISU Theatre. "We had to take into account many aspects including budget, cast size, time. Once we would get close to finalizing it, if someone spoke up with a concern, it had to be revisited. Everyone had to agree."

Show Lineup

"Noises Off" directed by Jane Cox (Sept. 28 to 30 and Oct. 5 to 7)

Written in 1982 by English playwright Michael Frayn, "Noises Off" is a comedy that toys with the concept of a play within a play. In three acts, a theater group goes about rehearsing and putting on their own production, but everything keeps going wrong.

"Candide" directed by Brad Dell (Nov. 1 to 4)

Every three years, the theatre program likes to spice things up a little bit. Rather than do another musical,



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every third year the faculty chooses an opera or operetta to perform.

"I think it's a really wonderful opportunity for the theater and music departments to show their collaborative spirit. Not only will there be music and theater students in the cast, but by performing with the talents of the ISU Symphony Orchestra, it will put both departments' efforts on display," said Dell, faculty director and assistant professor of theater.

"Alice in Wonderland" directed by Matt Foss (Nov. 30 to Dec. 2 and Dec. 7 to 9)

Most everyone knows the story of "Alice and Wonderland." Alice, being the

curious child she is, finds herself stumbling through a world where she meets many interesting characters such as the White Rabbit, the Cheshire Cat and the Queen of Hearts.

"The Three Musketeers" directed by Jane Cox (Feb. 28 to March 2 and March 8 to 10)

"All for one, and one for all!" Based off the novel by Alexandre Dumas, "The Three Musketeers" follows a young man named D'Artagnan who travels to Paris in hopes of becoming one of the king's Musketeers.

"A Streetcar Named Desire" directed by Matt Foss (March 28 to 31)

Written by Tennessee Williams in 1947, "A Streetcar

Named Desire" tells the story of Blanche DuBois as she spends a summer in New Orleans with her sister, Stella, and Stella's husband, Stanley Kowalski. Blanche and Stanley do not see eye to eye, and the relationships between the major characters take a heavy toll when argument ensues.

"Fiddler on the Roof" directed by Brad Dell (April 12 to 14 and April 19 to 21)

The Stars Over Veishea show will be the classic musical "Fiddler on the Roof," with music by Jerry Bock and book by Joseph Stein. The show follows a father as he attempts to protect his family's religion and customs from outside influences.

Brunner in Bloom

Flower art interpretation great success

By Patty Clark
Ames247 writer

Along with showcasing all the arrangements for this year's "Brunner in Bloom," the annual event awarded local florists with "Best in Show" and "Honorable Mentions" titles last Friday.

Brunner in Bloom is an event for local florists to choose an art piece in the Brunner Art Museum and then interpret what they believe the artist is saying, as well as bringing in their own interpretations of the pieces through their feelings and floral designs.

The event was a success with over 400 visitors in attendance throughout the weekend, and there were 21 floral arrangements from local florists in Ames, Ankeny and Des Moines.

The "Best in Show" recipient was Jodi Headrick, from the Lincoln Center Hy-Vee floral department. Her arrangement, titled "Bubble Helix," was inspired by an untitled mosaic by Esther Dendel.

The Honorable Mentions were presented to Brian Smith from Evert's Flowers. His arrangement was titled "Shades of Organized Chaos," inspired by "Abstract Landscape" by Brent Holland.

The second to receive an Honorable Mention was Kathy Young from Flowerz 4-Ever. The title of Young's arrangement was "Heat," inspired by "Pouring Steel" by Minnetta Good.

As well as the two categories from the judges, there was an opportunity for the visitors to vote for the "People's Choice" award. The award went to Brian Smith.

The next opportunity to catch "Brunner in Bloom" will be March 29 to 31, 2013. For any information regarding the event, contact the University Museums.



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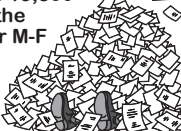
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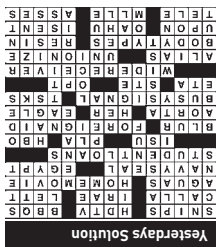
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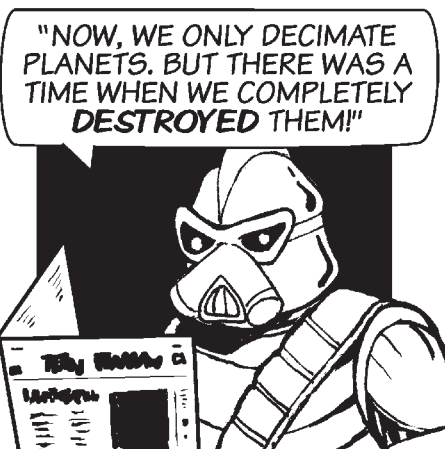
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Today's Birthday (03/29/12). Follow your heart this year. This doesn't mean to just throw caution to the wind. You're starting to sense your true calling. Take note of that, and keep trying your course. Sudden changes can capsize the boat, so keep a steady hand on the line, rely on your mates and take it slowly. **To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day. 0 the most challenging.**

Aries (March 21-April 19) -- Today is a 7 -- Store away extra provisions. Domesticity calls for the next two days, and a full pantry is a treat. Besides, you can feed those who help with a home project.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Disregard an impertinent suggestion. The more you learn, the more you value true friends. Your family's there for you, too. Explore and study an area of passion.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Don't get stuck in silly arguments (even if tempted). They're time-wasters. Check your lists, and spend any extra minutes on fun. Gather up love and riches today.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Give in to talk of love. Your self-discipline is impressive, but you could allow yourself to be swayed. You've got it all going on, and besides, it's for a worthy cause.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Get into the research, and figure out the very best method. Quality ingredients matter. Review the plan, and go over the recipe twice. Add a whimsical touch.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Don't let anyone coax you off track. You're creating a positive buzz. Learn from a friend's mistake. A creative endeavor launched could be lucrative.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 6 -- You may be more emotional than usual. Don't sweat the small stuff, really. Don't be afraid to apologize if you mess things up. You can do it.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- Search for a forgotten buried treasure. Find clues all around you, and write down your thoughts. Listen to your intuition; you know where to find it.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is an 8 --
Find a beautiful spot to replenish your batteries and

grow your self-esteem. You may get into a potentially unpleasant discussion about money. Be respectful.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 7 -- Reconsider a method or idea that isn't working. Don't alienate your team. Instead, acknowledge their talents. Develop an outline, and divide up responsibilities.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is an 8 -- Relax while you can before things get busier. Update your to-do list and prioritize. Balance what you love and what brings in the bacon. No gambling.

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Warm weather means it's time to enjoy your favorite seasonal foods again. Students enjoy their selections at Seasons Marketplace.

Start grilling time off with bang with 3 season recipes

By Malena Whetro
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Beer burgers

This recipe from allrecipes.com caters to college students who have champagne taste on a beer budget, literally. Beer burgers are not only cost effective but are sure to be a hit at your next grill out.

What you'll need:

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 small onion, finely chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1/4 cup beer

Directions:

Preheat an outdoor grill for medium-high

heat and lightly oil the grate. Mix the ground beef, onion, garlic, Worcestershire sauce, salt, and pepper in a bowl.

Mix in the beer until absorbed by the meat mixture and then form into patties.

Cook on the preheated grill until the burgers are cooked to your desired degree of doneness, about 5 minutes per side for well done. Don't forget the condiments.



Tequila shrimp

Marthastewart.com provided this simple, mouth-watering recipe. For a little more pocket change, treat your taste buds to some savory seafood. Add a side of fresh vegetables from the local farmer's market. Throw them on the grill, too, and attach to shrimp using skewers.

What you'll need:

- 1 pound large shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 1/4 cup silver or white tequila
- 1/4 cup lime juice
- 1/4 cup fresh orange juice
- salt and ground pepper
- Assorted vegetables and skewers are optional

Directions:

Mix together shrimp, tequila, lime juice and orange juice. Season with salt and pepper, then cover and let refrigerate for about 20 minutes. Throw the shrimp on the grill for about four to six minutes on medium-high, or until completely cooked.



Margarita chicken

Perfect for an outdoor fiesta-themed party, this margarita chicken recipe from food.com is a great way to entertain you and your roommates. Pair this recipe with some grilled fruit, such as pineapple, for the best combination.

What you'll need:

- 4 boneless chicken breasts
- 1 cup margarita mix
- 1/3 cup tequila
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- black pepper, season to taste




Directions:

Marinate chicken breasts in margarita mix and tequila for 2 hours. Drain and season chicken breasts with black pepper to taste. Grill approximately 3 to 4 minutes per side.

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Local shopping



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Jon Lynch and Lonna Nachtigal of Onion Creek Farms organize their goods at the Ames Farmers’ Market on Aug. 27. The Ames Farmers’ Market hosts a variety of local stands.

**Fresh market offers
local food options**

By Ashley.Hunt
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With the winter months behind us, students begin to look for ways to get out of their house, apartment or dorm to do something fun. Visiting the Ames Farmers’ Market is just one way to do so.

The Ames Farmers’ Market has both an indoor and outdoor market for community members to enjoy. The indoor market, located on Main Street, runs year-round from 3 to 6 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays.

Beginning on May 5, the outdoor market will run each Saturday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. until Oct. 27.

Norine Black, owner of Black’s Heritage Farm, said the market holds many benefits to those who choose to shop there. Black’s Heritage Farm sells their products at the Ames Farmers’ Market.

“Everything is either homemade or home-grown. Even the yarn we sell is homemade,” Black said.

Black said this makes the Ames Farmers’ Market unique.

Everything at the farmers market is local and people shopping there know they are supporting local businesses in Ames.

“Your money is spent here and is going here, not to China or some random place,” Black said.

Black said shopping at the Ames Farmers’ Market feels like a step back in time.

“This is how things used to be: People didn’t buy things off a truck, they bought from locals,” Black said. “I think it’s kind of fun to look at it that way.”

Although shopping at the market comes with many benefits, there are difficulties. Demand of goods tends to be the hardest part, Black said.

“Sometimes we run out of things,” she said. “The grocery store has everything 24/7, and we just get what people bring. We don’t have that luxury here.”

Besides the numerous benefits from shop-

ping locally at the market, it is a creative way to spend your time and to have fun.

The Ames Farmers’ Market also has special days, some of which coincide with popular holidays. One crowd favorite is member discount day. This is used as a tool to recruit new members.

To become a member, one must pay a fee of \$25. Then, during the designated days, many items featured at the market are discounted for members.

Once a year, the market puts on a festival. People can come to the market and enjoy a bounty of foods and try a lot of free samples of a wide range of products.

Holidays are fun times to visit the farmers market. Easter marks a popular day for the Main Street event. “There’s an Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt that brings people out,” Black said. “You go store to store and there is also a prize with a \$100 value offered.”

Another popular day for the market during the spring is around Mother’s Day. “On Mother’s Day, we hand out little plants for free,” Black said.

Even if you don’t get out and enjoy the benefits from the farmers market firsthand, you might be enjoying them without even knowing it.

Signs reading “Buy Local, Buy Fresh,” can be seen lining the ISU Dining centers. Fresh fruit and produce in the dining centers are bought locally through the Ames Farmer’s Market.

Whether attending the indoor or outdoor market, or even just eating locally bought produce at the dining center, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

The warmer weather brings many more options for fruit and produce. Off season, in the indoor market, one can find plenty of crafts, eggs and honey for sale. Also for sale at both markets are jewelry, soaps, cheeses, frozen meats and much more.

Take advantage of the warmer weather, visit the Ames Farmers’ Market and “Buy Local, Buy Fresh.”

Eat this, not that


**Make simple substitutions
to cut calories, be healthier**

By Kelsey.Roehrich
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■ **Soup**

Eat this: Campbell’s Chicken Noodle Soup
Serving size: 120 mL (1/2 cup)
Calories per serving: 60


Not that: Ramen Noodle Soup
Serving size: 43g (1/2 block with seasoning)
Calories per serving: 195



■ **Pizza**

Eat this: Domino’s Cheese Pizza
Serving size: 1 slice
Calories per serving: 290


Not that: Domino’s MeatZZa Feast Pizza
Serving size: 1 slice
Calories per serving: 380



■ **Beer**

Drink this: Budweiser Select
Serving size: 1 bottle (12 fluid ounces)
Calories per serving: 99


Not that: Bud Light Platinum
Serving size: 1 bottle (12 fluid ounces)
Calories per serving: 137



■ **Fast food**

Eat this: Wendy’s Grilled Chicken Go Wrap
Serving size: 1 wrap
Calories per serving: 260


Not that: Wendy’s Quarter Pound Burger
Serving size: 1 burger
Calories per serving: 580



■ **Coffee**

Drink this: Caribou Coffee Northern Lite Caramel Cooler
Serving size: 462g (small)
Calories per serving: 90

Not that: Caribou Coffee Caramel Cooler
Serving size: 462g (small)
Calories per serving: 320



Health



Photo: Bryan Besler/Iowa State Daily

Mahala McDanel, junior in event management, leads an exercise group in a “high lunge” yoga pose on Feb. 16.

Save your pet from hot weather worries

By Ashley.Hunt
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With nice weather approaching, pet owners are giving their indoor pets more outside time. Taking your pets outside during warmer weather can pose several health threats to your pet.

Pet shop owners from Dyvig’s Pet Shoppe and the Ark offer their friendly advice on how to keep your pets healthy during the spring and summer months.

Fleas and ticks

Taking your pets outside exposes them to fleas and ticks. Dale Dyvig, owner of Dyvig’s Pet Shoppe, recommends flea collars for your dog or cat to prevent fleas and ticks.

Dyvig’s sells flea collars for around \$5. If your dog or cat does get fleas, Dyvig’s also sells four-month control products that will kill the pests.

David Metcalf, owner of the Ark, offered some more specific advice on flea medicine. Metcalf said he believes Advantix II to be the best product available.

“With this medicine, the fleas will actually jump off the skin. The medicine actually repels the fleas,” Metcalf said.

“Frontline is another good medicine, but with this, the fleas will actually burrow into the animals skin.

They actually die when they bite the animal.”

Both of these medicines are more expensive than flea collars, costing anywhere from \$18 to \$25. If you’re looking for a cheaper option, Metcalf said, the Ark offers Bio Spot, which is not as effective in the long-term.

Heat exhaustion

Another threat that comes with the warmer weather is the possibility of heat exhaustion.

One simple way to avoid heat exhaustion with your pet is to make sure not to keep your pet tied up in the sun. If you do keep your pet tied up outside, make sure it has access to a cool, shady spot, Dyvig said.

Also important is making sure your pet has access to water at all times. Dyvig said to always bring a water bottle with you when taking your pet on a walk during warmer weather.

Metcalf recommended doing this as well. He also said that bringing a spray bottle and spraying your pet down while you’re outside can help.

It can take anywhere from 90 minutes to two hours, sometimes less, for the heat to have an effect on your pet, Metcalf said. Owners need to constantly make sure their pet’s water is fresh.

“When it’s really hot, we do children’s swimming pools outside,”



File photo: Iowa State Daily

Spring weather gives pet owners a chance to let their stir-crazy animals outside to frolic. Be careful, though: warm weather brings its own set of dangers to man’s best friend.

Metcalf said. “The dogs really love playing in them and it helps keep them cool. Dogs also love running through sprinklers.”

As a pet owner, the most important thing to keeping your pet healthy is water, Metcalf said.

“It’s our responsibility as owners to make sure our pets always have access to water and as much water as possible,” Metcalf said.

Dyvig said that sometimes people can forget the dangers of keeping

their pets locked up in cars during warmer weather.

“People can forget how hot it gets in the summer months,” Dyvig said. “In a matter of minutes, it heats up enough to where you could lose your pet.”

To avoid this, keep at least one or two windows completely down in your vehicle.

The heat can even affect pets indoors in apartments or houses without air conditioning. Metcalf said to

make sure water is easily accessible for your pets while indoors.

Even reptiles will adapt differently to the heat.

“If you take your reptile outside, it can get hyped up like it’s on its second cup of coffee,” Metcalf said. “Reptiles will become more active when outside, and it is something they do enjoy.”

Falling

A lot of times, college students live in apartments with decks on the second or third floor of the building. People will sometimes keep their cat tied up on the deck. Dyvig said if you do this, use a breakaway collar for your cat to avoid serious injury should your cat decide to try jump off the balcony.

Despite possible complications and threats to your pets, both Dyvig and Metcalf both said they believe it’s important to take advantage of the nicer weather and to take your pets outside.

“It’s a great time to enjoy your dog or cat,” Dyvig said. “It gives them a chance to exercise and it gives you as an owner a chance to exercise as well.”

Metcalf said he agrees that it’s important to take your pets outdoors.

“Take your pet outside and let them play. It’s the way God designed them — to be outside,” Dyvig said.

Health



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Though we’re leaving winter colds and flus behind, warmer weather brings its own assortment of health problems. Be aware of what issues the new season brings.

Sunburn, scrapes return during warm weather

By Lea.Petersen
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Summer’s seductive song is not the only thing students’ senses are being bombarded with as spring moves in. Common spring and summer ailments are also stirring from hibernation.

Sunburn

“Sunburn is a topic that comes up a lot as spring and summer begin,” said Laura Knowles, nursing director at Thielen Student Health Center.

Knowles explained that sunburn can be prevented by applying sunscreen and following the product’s instructions.

She said if someone has already experienced the effects of sunburn, there are a couple of options for relief, depending upon the severity of the burn.

“General sunburn will likely cause red skin and hurt to the touch, but may be treated at home,” Knowles said. “If the burn swells up and blisters, contacting a health care provider is advised.”

Insect bites

Students are not the only ones enjoying the beautiful weather — bees and other insects are out searching for sweet flower nectar.

“Insect bites very rarely pose danger, but in some circumstances, medical treatment is necessary,” said Dr. Scott Meyer, associate director for Clinical Services at Thielen.

Meyer said people should seek immediate medical treatment if they have a history of severe allergic response to insect stings, such as anaphylaxis.

Blisters and scrapes

For common and very mild spring ailments, such as blisters from those adorable spring shoes you just had to buy or scraped knees from trying out longboarding, students can check out WebMD for simple at-home solutions for less minor issues.

However, if you start running a fever or have any concerns that your ailment is getting worse instead of better, do not hesitate to seek medical attention. This will help prevent problems from becoming even more serious or from issues cropping up in the future.

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As the weather continues to warm up, more and more students find themselves spending their free time outdoors on Central Campus. Grab a group of friends and toss a Frisbee around or simply lay out and study in the sun.

Outdoors

Plan perfect picnic with your pals



File photo: Iowa State Daily

Students enjoy a meal outside on campus on a nice day. Take advantage of the warm weather by eating your lunch outdoors on the lawn.

Pack basic foods, supplies to impress guests

By Joy.Wessels
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Spring has officially sprung, and nothing says it better than enjoying a picnic outdoors. Dress it down and keep it casual with your friends, or spice it up to make it a memorable first date. Here are some tips on planning a successful picnic.

The basics

You'll need something to carry all of your food, so if it's a last-minute plan, any run-of-the-mill cooler will do. But if you want to look well prepared, Target sells a wide range of

picnic baskets, like its metro basket priced at \$30.

You should also consider taking a blanket to spread out. If your picnic is earlier in the day, the grass still might be wet, so you'll definitely want something to sit on.

The food

The success of your picnic relies primarily on what you bring to eat, so make it as practical and easy as possible. Do this by selecting finger foods to take with you: sandwiches, fresh fruit (like apples, grapes or watermelon), chips and drinks in spill-proof containers.

To impress your date, bake some homemade cookies to bring along and consider buying glass-bottled refreshments.

Don't forget to bring a small

trash bag to throw all of your garbage in afterward.

Where to go

Ames is home to several beautiful and scenic parks. The only challenge is to pick one suited to your occasion.

Ada Hayden is located just north of Ames and has a beautiful lake with walking trails, shelters, picnic tables and grills. If you want to picnic here, do it on a day that isn't very windy. It can get pretty breezy and you don't want your food to blow away.

Brookside Park is located just off of Sixth Street. It's covered in trees, which makes it the perfect location for a spring picnic. Bring a Frisbee or softball to toss around after you eat at this spacious park.

For more locations, check out the city of Ames' website.

Volunteering

Students work to change world during Spring Break travels

By Kelsey.Roehrich
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Spring Break is a time that most students use to relax and celebrate in the sun, but Iowa State gives students opportunities to spend their week off changing the world.

This year, Iowa State's study abroad shorts took a group of students to Belize for a service-learning trip.

Laurie Fiegel, administrative director of the Honors Program, took about 18 students on this trip.

Fiegel said the purpose of this trip was to encourage students to use language skills and to understand and learn in a more experiential environment.

Fiegel said she wanted students to see how different cultures perceive life differently than people do in America.

"Each person gets something different out of this trip," Fiegel said.

Ciara McCarty, freshman in kinesiology, attended the trip to Belize.



Photo: Kelsey Roehrich/Iowa State Daily

Students mix cement to create a base for a solar-powered latrine. Eighteen students from Iowa State traveled to Belize over Spring Break to offer aid and see the world.

"It was very eye-opening; they tried preparing us about the difference in culture, but you had to experience it to really learn," McCarty said.

McCarty said she learned that Belize is not the starving, poor country that many may believe it is. She says it is very fun-loving and the people there don't feel deprived, but are grateful

for the help they are receiving.

Not only did the students get to learn about a different culture, but they also got to provide services to the people of Belize.

Fiegel said she wanted students to understand the impact of what service means and why it is needed.

McCarty said one of the services they provided while on the trip was building wood-burning stoves in houses. They also built solar-powered latrines and solar dryers to dry fruit and seeds during the wet season.

Everything the students used to build their projects could be found just outside of the citizens' homes, McCarty said. They used clay and lumber and did everything by hand.

Fiegel said even though the trip required a lot of hard work, students still had the opportunity to enjoy the environment. They went snorkeling, hiking and enjoyed some of Belize's traditional foods.

"To truly appreciate life here and get an idea of life elsewhere, you cannot get that unless you go and experience it yourself," McCarty said.

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Recreation



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Enjoy rest and relaxation at Ada Hayden. The park offers fishing, boating, walking paths, bike paths and picnic areas.

Get outside, get active

By Joy.Wessels
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If you're looking for something to do outdoors this spring, you don't have to look very far. Ames — and towns just beyond here — offer a wide range of activities for your outdoor endeavors.

Ada Hayden

Ada Hayden offers a number of different things to do. Fishing and boating are allowed on the lake, so rent a kayak or canoe and make the trip out just northeast of Ames. The lake offers boat access. Take some food to grill out and eat under one of the picnic shelters, too. Feel like getting some exercise in? Just take a run down one of the paths out at Ada Hayden. You can also bike.

Peterson Pits

Who says you can't go to the beach in Iowa?

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Seven Oaks Recreation

Feel the need for some biking, but you've already exhausted the trails around Ames? Well, you're in luck, because Seven Oaks in Boone is just a few miles from Ames, and offers seven miles of mountain biking trail. Hit the trails for only \$4 per day. You can also canoe, kayak, river tube, play paintball or camp out at Seven Oaks. Fees are published on their website.

Ledges State Park

Also running through Boone is Ledges State Park. You can camp in designated areas and hike on its 13 miles of trails. If you're feeling ambitious, take a pad-

dle down the Des Moines River which runs along the western edge of the park. If you want to relax, grab some friends and tubes and just float for five or six miles.

Gray's Lake

If you haven't been to Gray's Lake in Des Moines yet, put it on your spring bucket list. In the heart of Des Moines metro, Gray's Lake mixes city lights with nature. You can paddleboat, sail, fish and swim in 96 acres of fresh water. There's also a quarter-mile walking bridge that goes over the lake, and a newly created 2-mile running trail circling Gray's Lake. Boat rentals are \$5 per half hour of use. With only six weeks of school left and a beautiful spring season, make sure you take advantage of the outdoor activities Ames and its surrounding area have to offer.

Sports



Photo: Jordan Maurice/Iowa State Daily
Lob City team members, wearing red, swarm a driving Ambitious Lions player Jan. 16 at State Gym. The Ambitious Lions won 18-11.

Intramural offer chance to spring into action

Coordinators offer activities at all levels

By Nick.Andrade
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Spring is finally here. What better way to enjoy the warmer weather than to participate in an intramural? With more than 20 different intramurals, Nathan Pick and Linda Marticke, intramural coordinators, have been busy this semester. "Broomball, basketball, volleyball and soccer are some of the more popular ones," Pick said. Intramurals are designed so that people of all skill levels and abilities can participate, and they are open to everyone. "Anyone can participate as long as they are current students here," Pick said.

“Broomball, basketball volleyball and soccer and some of the more popular [intramurals].” Nathan Pick

If students want to get involved in an intramural, they can sign up online. On the ISU Recreation Services website, there is a list of open intramurals. You can sign up using your Net-ID. There are some upcoming intramurals that will be taking advantage of these warmer temperatures. "Intramural softball [started] on Sunday, March 25, and two-person best shot golf tournament will be played on April 28 with a 9 a.m. shotgun start," Marticke said.

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Lifestyle



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Find fun in sun around Central Iowa

Take break from semester stresses, unwind at local eateries, parks

By Malena.Whetro
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Now that Spring Break is over, the countdown begins until students finish their final class for the semester. Many students are cramming in hours to study for exams, complete final projects and ace finals (fingers crossed).

But too much work and no play can prove to be strenuous. Consider bookmarking that biology page or clicking save on your English paper and go out and enjoy what Ames has to offer this spring.

Ledges State Park

Ledges State Park is another outdoor favorite. The park, located outside of Boone, is widely known for its hiking trails, amazing scenery, wildlife and campgrounds. Enjoy spectacular views while climbing over canyons before camping overnight in one of the 94 offered campsites.

State Gym

What better way to take a break from your studies than shaping up for the summer in Iowa State's newly remodeled State Gym? Originally built in 1911, the gym has been upgraded significantly with all of today's newest equipment. Amenities include a swimming pool, a track, three regulation-sized basketball courts, cardio and strength equipment and a rock wall.



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Jake Stafford, freshman in mechanical engineering, wall climbs on Feb. 2 at the new State Gym. The new 40-foot climbing wall is built for students to get a better challenge.

Lied Recreation Athletic Center and Southwest Athletic Complex

If you are good at excusing yourself away from the treadmill, sit back and relax while watching others work out instead. Lied Recreation Athletic Center is a great place to find the track-and-field team setting new records while the Southwest Athletic Complex hosts the women's softball team.

Check out the athletic website for upcoming schedules. Admission is free.



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Krista Shoeman hands off the baton to Casie Christensen on Feb. 11 at Lied Recreation Athletic Center. Check out Cyclone athletic events as a way to relax from a busy schedule.

Principal Park

Feeling adventurous? Pack up you and your friends and head to Principal Park in Des Moines to cheer on Iowa Cub's baseball. General admission tickets are \$7 in advance and \$8 on game day.

Reiman Gardens

On the return back to Ames, stop by Iowa's largest public garden.

Reiman Gardens has several award-winning features and includes a 2,500-square-foot butterfly exhibit. ISU students are able to visit this beautiful display of flowers and garden art for free. It's the perfect and much-needed way to relax after a hard day of studying.



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Ames is host to Reiman Gardens, the largest public garden in the state of Iowa. It also features a 2,500-square-foot butterfly exhibit, flower displays and garden art.



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Stable Run Disc Golf Course offers 18 holes and plenty of room to practice your discing skills. Invite some friends and spend an afternoon on the course.

Stable Run Disc Golf Course

Disc golfing has become increasingly popular in the past few years. Iowa State's very own Stable Run Disc Golf Course is a great way to catch some rays and have fun with friends. The 18-hole course offers plenty of room to practice your putt or tomahawk throw.

Hickory Grove

If Des Moines is too far to travel, Hickory Grove is a quaint lake located about 20 minutes east of Ames. Springtime visitors can picnic, hike, hunt or camp. Camping is \$12 to \$17 per night.

It's the perfect opportunity to break out the grill and cook up hamburgers and hot dogs.

Main Street Farmers Market

Wrapping up your excursions, head out shopping to Main Street to the local farmers market where you will find locally grown produce, baked goods and crafts for a great price. This is a healthy and wallet-conscious way to grocery shop for snacks while hitting the books.

Starbucks

On your journey back to Ames, be sure to take Old Highway 30, better known as Lincoln Way. There, you will drive through the town of Nevada and stumble upon Starbucks. This restaurant is not to be confused with your go-to coffee spot.

Locally owned and operated, Starbucks serves the best cheese balls, loose-meat beef burgers and soft-serve ice cream in Iowa. It's worth a try or two or four, whether you're heading back from a day at the lake or taking a quick road trip.



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Fashion

Incorporate tangerine in spring wardrobe

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The year 2012 is all about Tangerine Tango.

Every year, Pantone (a color production company) declares a “Color of the Year” based on fashion and cosmetic trends that have hit the runways. Last year, it was all about Honeysuckle, and the year before that, Turquoise was all the rage.

This year’s color is a bold, reddish-orange color that has been showing up everywhere. Fashion designers Nanette Lepore, Elie Tahari and Adrienne Vittadini all featured the color in their spring collections. Though you might not have the means to score these designer duds, you can still be a trendsetter and incorporate Tangerine Tango into your spring closet.

Shoes

Feeling preppy this spring? Sperrys are the perfect way to be nautical and rock this spring’s hottest color. The company’s classic boat shoe now features the authentic color in a few of their styles. Not in a preppy mood? Urban Outfitters offers a wide array of tangerine-inspired shoes ranging from pumps to sneakers.

It’s been said that April showers bring May flowers, so don’t hesitate to pick up a new pair of rain boots. Bright tangerine rain boots can be found at Gap along with tangerine wide-strap flip-flops.

Cosmetics

Take pride in your complexion. Why not highlight your natural glow by incorporating tangerine into your beauty products?

Cosmetic brands such as M-A-C and Essie have embraced the color of the year. Emphasize your lips by applying M-A-C or Bobbi Brown bold tangerine lipstick. The color is sure to make a statement.

Feeling less daring? Try applying Essie tangerine nail polish to subtly sneak in some orange flare.

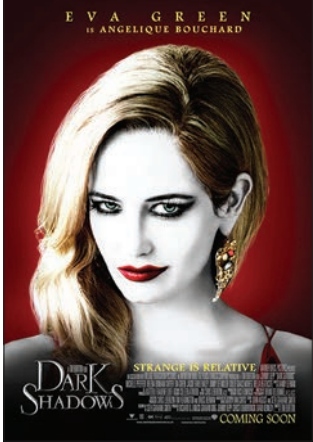
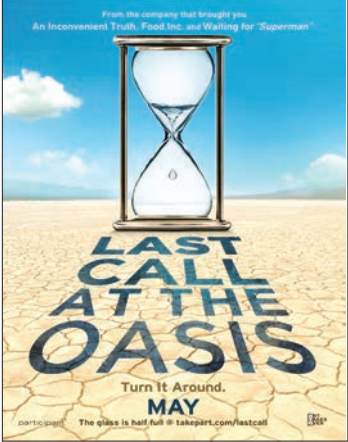
Dresses

Have a hot date at the Cafe or need something fresh to wear to your sorority’s chapter meeting? Have no fear: Tangerine is here. Check out Anthropologie’s Torchon Embossed Ponte and their Pleated Optic Maxi dresses to add pop to any occasion.

Looking for something even friendlier to your wallet? Forever 21 offers amazing steals for less than \$25. The store has a pleated bib dress for \$24.80 and a nautical blouson dress for \$22.90, showing that tangerine can be rocked at any budget.



Photo: Nicole Wiegand/Iowa State Daily
Pantone has declared Tangerine Tango the “Color of the Year” for 2012. Add it to your wardrobe for a bright punch of color.



Satisfy your film fix with these 5 movies for spring

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There are a lot of exciting movies coming out this spring, and while I have to admit that I would willingly watching Maggie Smith grouch it out in “The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel” or enjoy laughing hysterically at a 3-D hand high-fiving the car window in “Titanic,” I think I’ll leave them out of it. I’m also going to pull “The Hunger Games” from this list, because it has already been released and most devout fans have probably already seen it. So with that, here is my list of what you should look out for this spring, in order of release.

1. “The Raven” — April 27

A serial killer takes inspiration from the stories of Edgar Allen Poe and uses them to commit gruesome murders. To stop these horrific crimes, Detective Fields and Poe must work together to determine the killer’s next move before he claims his next victim.

I enjoy murder mysteries and I have a special place in my heart for John Cusack, who plays Poe, so this sounds intriguing. Before any Poe enthusiasts let the pendulum cross their heart, however, my advice is to take this movie as strict entertainment and not for any historical accuracy.

2. “The Avengers” – May 4

To save the world, Nick Fury, the director of S.H.I.E.L.D., brings together Iron Man, Thor, the Hulk, Captain America, Hawkeye and Black Widow.

Who isn’t looking forward to this; isn’t it on everyone’s list next to “The Dark Knight Rises”? Mark Ruffalo as the Hulk sounds a bit odd, but seeing as no actor seems to be able to keep the title of the Hulk, I suppose it’s not unusual. To fill the shoes of Edward Norton, however, may be a bit difficult. In all honesty, I’m more there for Robert Downey Jr. as Tony Stark anyways.

3. “Last Call at the Oasis” — May 4

A documentary brought to you by the makers of “An Inconvenient Truth,” “Food Inc.” and “Waiting for Superman” to educate the public on the world’s very real water crisis.

While this isn’t going to get a good box office with “The Avengers” coming out the same weekend, I think people should make an effort to at least learn about this film. I recently saw “Thirst” and got introduced to some of the issues people face concerning water and how in some communities they began charging for it. It’s heavy stuff, but it’s important for everyone to be aware.

4. “Dark Shadows” – May 11

After a witch curses Barnabas Collins, turns him into a vampire and locks him in a coffin for almost 200 years, he not only has to adapt to a new life and blend in, but also protect his descendants from the same witch that destroyed his life.

The main draw here, for those not in the know that “Dark Shadows” is actually an old television show that ran five seasons in the ‘70s, is that this is another Tim Burton/Johnny Depp film. Vampires haven’t been terrifying recently, but Depp isn’t going to change that, in a good way.

5. “Moonrise Kingdom” – May 16

Two children with the hearts of lovers run away together, causing all sorts of turmoil amongst the children’s friends and

families as they go out to look for them.

I was introduced to the whimsical wonder that is Wes Anderson only recently through “Rushmore” and “The Darjeeling Limited” (both excellent), which is what makes me so excited for this. The story sounds ridiculous on its own, but imagine Edward Norton, Bill Murray, Jason Schwartzman and Bruce Willis all together and your curiosity gets going. Let it carry you to the trailer on YouTube and I’m sure you won’t be disappointed.

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